

THE VVFC NEWS ALERT BACKPAGE NOVEMBER 2006



INFLUENZA

Many providers have called the VVFC office to discuss the timing of our seasonal influenza vaccine shipments and everyone has expressed concern about not being able to conduct clinics on time. Unfortunately, we cannot ship the vaccine until it is received at our distributor from the manufacturer.

In order to better inform our providers, we have attached an informational sheet regarding influenza vaccine shipments for this year. If you have concerns about having too much vaccine, please contact us immediately so we can redirect your vaccine to another facility before it is shipped.

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

We are currently reviewing the doses administered and inventory deadlines and requirements for **PRIVATE** practices for 2007. Please be on the lookout for January's BackPage mailing for more information.



TEMPERATURE MONITORING

Beginning January 1, 2007, facilities will be required to document vaccine storage temperatures twice a day. On our current temperature logs, facilities may indicate the morning temperature with "AM" and the afternoon temperature with "PM" for each day.

MENINGOCOCCAL UPDATE

In May 2006, CDC, recommended deferral of MCV4 vaccination of children aged 11-12 years in response to vaccine supply limitations. Currently, the manufacturer reports that limitations in the MCV4 supply have resolved. Therefore, **CDC recommends resuming routine vaccination for all recommended groups according to ACIP**

recommendations, including children aged 11-12 years. Where possible, providers who deferred vaccination of children aged 11-12 years should recall those patients for vaccination.
www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5543a5.htm?s_cid=mm5543a5_e



VVFC STAFF CHANGES

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HPV VACCINE

VVFC now has HPV vaccine available for ordering. Included in this mailing is a new VVFC order form. Local health departments should use WebVISION to order HPV vaccine for VVFC eligible patients.



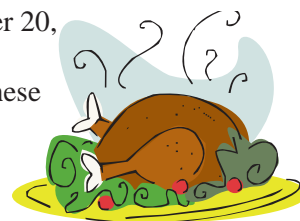
VVFC females 9 through 18 years of age are eligible for a three dose series of HPV. The second dose should be administered 2 months after the first, and the third dose should be administered 6 months after the first. For more specific information regarding administration of HPV to VVFC eligible patients, please see the HPV VFC Resolution at www.cdc.gov/nip/vfc/acip_resolutions/0606hpv.pdf. Included in this mailing is the most recent vaccine information statement (VIS) dated 9/5/2006.

With the addition of HPV to VFC, be sure to check our web site for updated forms.

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/imm/vfcForms.asp>

HOLIDAY SHIPPING DATES

VVFC vaccine shipments normally occur every Monday; however, during holiday season, we are unable to ship certain weeks. Vaccine will not be shipped the weeks of November 20, December 25, and January 1. Vaccine ordinarily shipped on these dates will be shipped the next available shipping week on the corresponding Monday.



VVFC AWARDS

Visits conducted August 2006-October 2006.

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

*Practice of Dr. Dziatkiewicz, Chesapeake
Hopewell Children's Clinic, Hopewell*

Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap

Exceptional Immunization Rates

(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

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J.T. Potter, Jr., M.D., P.C., Norton
Nicholas Kipreos, M.D., L.L.C., Stuart
Richeson Drive Pediatrics, Lynchburg
Virginia Pediatrics, P.C., Hopewell*

